

CHURCH MATTERS.

Religious Notices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. W. Halliwell, Pastor. Divine worship on the Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Sunday prayer meeting, Sabbath at 7 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7.45 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Ezra D. Simons, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Temperance meeting on Tuesday evenings. Prayer meeting on Thursday evenings. Young People's meeting, Sabbath evening at 6.30 o'clock.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. D. R. Lowrie, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7.45. Class meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.45 o'clock.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Fremont street, corner Franklin.—Rev. S. W. Duffield, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 12 m. Weekly prayer meeting at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening, in Chapel parlor.

CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal).—Liberty street.—Rev. W. G. Farrington, D.D., Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock. Second service, 4 p. m. Sunday school at 2.45 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nardella, Pastor. First mass, 8.30 a. m. High mass, 10.30 a. m. Vespers, 3 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.

BERKELEY UNION BAPTIST SCHOOL.—Held in Berkeley Schoolhouse, Bloomfield avenue, every Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. John A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

WATSESSING M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. J. Cowans, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7.45. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.45.

ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Watseessing).—Rev. Daniel I. Edwards, Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock; evening service, 7.30. Sunday school, 3 p. m.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. John M. Einslin, Pastor. Hours of service, 10.30 a. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening, 7.45 o'clock.

REFORMED CHURCH (Brookdale).—Rev. William G. E. See, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 9 a. m. E. G. Day, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

HOPKINS CHAPEL.—Sunday school every Sabbath at 2.30 p. m. John G. Broughton, Superintendent.

SILVER LAKE.—Sabbath school held every Sunday in the hall at 3 p. m. Charles A. Hubbs, Superintendent. Gospel meeting every Sabbath evening at 6 o'clock. Prayer and Conversational meeting, Friday evening.

BLOOMFIELD S. S. TEACHERS' NORMAL CLASS.—Rev. W. H. Brodhead, leader. Meets on Wednesday evening of each week, at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday school rooms of the First Baptist Church. Sunday school teachers, workers and friends are cordially invited.

Seminary Commencement.

The annual sermon will be delivered in German by the Rev. Hermann C. Grünert of Orange, in the German Church. The Alumni meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon, and the address will be delivered on Tuesday evening by the Rev. Immanuel Casnowicz.

The examinations began at the Seminary on Thursday afternoon and will conclude with the public theological examination on Wednesday morning in the Westminster Church.

The commencement exercises will be in the evening. After the graduating orations an English address will be delivered by the Rev. D. R. Frazer, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Newark.

Congregational Church, Montclair.

The fourteenth anniversary of the Congregational Society was celebrated in their church on Sunday, June 1st. In the morning Rev. A. N. Bradford preached a sermon. Amongst other facts given were:

About \$5,845.50 have been raised for the outside work; church expenses about \$7,500. Within the past year fifty-one persons have united with the church. The present edifice has been in use eleven years.

In the evening the children's anniversary was held. Mr. Charles H. Johnson has been the Superintendent for fourteen years. Rev. Mr. Bradford will complete his fourteenth year as pastor next Sunday.

The annual children's day and floral exercises will take place in the Park M. E. Church to-morrow. The morning session will be devoted to floral service. The evening service at 7.30 will be devoted to the Sunday School and its work. The floral decorations will be very elaborate, coming under the direction of those ladies who have on previous occasions displayed excellent taste. The Infant Class exercises are also said to be of an interesting nature.

The next of the illustrated temperance sermons will be preached at the Baptist Church by the pastor the coming Sunday evening. All non-church goers are particularly invited to attend. A cordial welcome will be extended to everybody. That great

interest is felt in the subject is manifest by the exceedingly large number attending these temperance sermons.

Bishop Starkey will preach and administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation in the Episcopal Church, Liberty street, next Sunday evening, June 8. Service to begin at 7.30.

Fire Alarm Districts.

Members of the Bloomfield Fire Department will follow the instructions given below in giving alarms of fire on the bell.

For a fire in the Centre, that is within one-fourth of a mile of the bell tower, a continuous alarm of five minutes is to be struck.

A northerly direction from the tower, and beyond the central district, is designated as District No. 2.

An easterly direction as District No. 3. A southerly direction as District No. 4. A westerly direction as District No. 5.

The alarm is to be given by ringing the bell for two minutes, and then striking the district number six times, with an interval of five seconds between each stroke, and of twenty seconds between each district number.

Members must have positive information of a fire before giving an alarm.

The apparatus will proceed by the most direct route, and members at a distance will intercept it at the nearest point.

Members should wear their badges at all times.

ANDREW J. MARSH,

Fire Marshal.

Fire at Montgomery.

About noon on Wednesday a fire broke out in the drying room of the chemical works of the Messrs. White, at Montgomery. In a very short time the detached building next to the road was in a blaze, and if it had not been for the prompt appearance of the Hose and Truck of the B. F. A. the main building would have gone.

As it was, the unmanufactured stock was quite low in the drying room, which was employed in the preparation of alkaloids and medicinal salts. The main building, however, contained a large quantity of valuable material whose destruction would have involved a serious loss. The fire originated in the drying room, but in what manner no one is able to tell.

Mr. Milke, the Superintendent, put the hose on the pump, sounded the alarm whistle, and fought the fire until he was compelled to open his valves and leave the boiler to its fate.

The hose arrived first, being fastened to an ice wagon, which carried a full load of men, including Fire Marshal Marsh. The Truck was close behind, dragged by one of Baldwin's express wagons, and with as many men as could ride on it perched everywhere. Montgomery avenue was full of excitement, and little children ran all the way to the fire, lured on by the dark masses of smoke.

As soon as possible the ship's pump was taken from the Truck, and a good stream was put on the fire, thus cutting off the sheds from the main building, and eventually saving a part of the detached structure too.

The fire was very hot, but by the help of a bucket line and good generalship in applying the water, a much more serious calamity was undoubtedly averted.

We understand the Newark Fire Marshal, Mr. Bannen, awarded the highest praise to our boys for their coolness and good discipline; and that when he and the steam fire engine arrived from Newark, the fire was under control, and he declined to assume the command. It is also said that he formally complimented the Fire Marshal on the way he handled the fire.

If Montgomery had water there would have been even a better story to tell.

The loss on the building and stock is considered to be fully covered by insurance, but the amount is not yet estimated.

The steam fire engine arrived in the nick of time, and relieved the wearied crew at the pump, drenching out the real of the flames in a few moments. If that hose for the Truck was of better stuff and rubber lined, it would be an advantage. This week is Bloomfield's first experience of actual service, and we have learned a good deal. Excellent temper was shown by the men, and they worked harder and more unitedly, and shouted less, and were less flurried than most volunteer departments.

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Bloomfield Cemetery Annual Meeting.

BLOOMFIELD, June 2. The annual meeting of the lot owners in the Cemetery was held in the office of Thomas C. Dodd, as per notice published in the BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN as the law directs.

President Dr. Davis took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer read his report, showing the income of the Cemetery, from all sources to be \$2,704.50, and the expenses to be \$1,754.14 including the payment of a deficit last year of \$144.89, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$950.36. On motion the treasurer's report was approved. The income for the current year was \$1,338.00, exclusive of the amount received for the sale of lots.

On motion it was resolved to proceed to the election of four managers, two to serve three years and two to serve two years. Before the ballot was taken, Dr. Davis stated that while he felt as much interested as ever in the prosperity of the Cemetery, he must decline a re-election. He was urged to reconsider the subject and allow the meeting to elect him, but he said that

circumstances made it necessary for him to decline. The ballot was then taken, and resulted in the election of Messrs. Thos. C. Dodd and John F. Folsom to serve three years, and David W. Smith and Nathaniel H. Dodd to serve two years, all of whom were declared elected by the President.

The President then said that now we would proceed to transact any business which might be presented, when Mr. N. H. Dodd said that he had been over and examined the work the treasurer had to do, and was convinced that he ought to be paid a yearly salary, and moved that his salary should be \$100. Passed. It was then ordered that the treasurer be allowed \$75 as compensation for past services, with the thanks of this meeting.

On motion it was resolved that the thanks of the lot owners are due and are hereby tendered to Dr. Joseph A. Davis for his long and arduous services in the improvement of our Cemetery, to which he has devoted so much of his time and energies for nearly forty years, as a labor of love, without reward, and we desire to express our deep regret at his determination now to retire from the Presidency of this board and from the management, and to testify to our high appreciation of the great benefit, which have resulted to us, and to the village, from his judicious management in transforming the desolate old graveyard into our beautiful home of the dead. Dr. Davis expressed his sincere thanks to the meeting for their kind appreciation of his work in the Cemetery.

Moved that the meeting do now adjourn. Carried.

C. PELOUBET, Sec'y.

About Sidewalks.

To the Bloomfield Citizen.

At the last Annual Township meeting the sum of one thousand dollars was appropriated for sidewalks. Will you have the kindness through your columns, to give your numerous readers some few points as regards the matter? 1. What material is expected to be used, flagging, cinders, plank or what? 2. The cost of a flag walk 4 feet wide? 3. Does the Township Committee obligate itself to superintend laying of same, and what portion of the expense is assumed by the property owners? Without doubt, many of our townsmen are ready to have flagging replace the delapidated plank walks now in existence in front of their property, and are only waiting to be informed upon the points above mentioned. I would also ask to whom shall applications be made for sidewalks, the sidewalk committee, if any, or the Township Committee?

(This communication will be answered in our next issue.)

W. F. T. U.

The devotional meeting of the W. F. T. U. is held on Tuesday afternoon of every week at half past three o'clock in Dodd's Hall. Our meetings are not large, but interesting to those who attend. Everyone is invited to come; no one is excluded.

Causes for Thanksgiving

IN THE RESULTS OF THE W. F. T. U. WORK.

1. Many individuals have been redeemed and have lived sober and Christian lives.

2. Their homes have been changed from scenes of sin and want and misery, to places of godliness, happiness and prosperity.

3. Alcoholic wines have been removed from the Lord's table and from many private tables.

4. A greatly increased number of temperance sermons have been preached, and the cause definitely recognized in the churches.

5. The sanction of the Sunday-school has been given to the cause of temperance.

6. Many children have been kept from beginning lives of vice, and some have been so taught that they will become influential temperance workers.

7. Steps have been taken toward securing temperance teaching in the public schools.

8. There is a more general investigation of the nature and effects of alcoholic liquors and a willingness on the part of adults to read upon the subject.

9. There is a constantly increasing amount of temperance literature judiciously distributed, and a much greater eagerness to secure and to read it.

10. Christian men and voters are awakening to their duty in making and enforcing temperance laws.

11. The Christian graces and activities of many Christian women have been greatly developed, and tender and elevating friendships have been formed.

12. The standard of temperance sentiment, intelligence, and liberality has been raised throughout the land, and people who do not as yet fully enlist, have more correct views of the character of temperance work and greater respect for its measures.

In view of all these blessings which we feel sure are only the beginnings of greater things, and for which we can never be sufficiently grateful to Almighty God, we propose to make a voluntary thank-offering which shall aid in carrying to other places the same inestimable advantages.

"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall receive my offering."

"Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord, come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings."

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering and come before Him."

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Union Leaflet.

Temperance School.

The B. J. T. S. was organized about a month ago by Mrs. M. G. Baldwin, President of the New Jersey State Temperance Teachers' Association.

The teachers who have taken charge of the school will endeavor to instruct the children in the manufacture, uses and effects of alcohol, both on the human body and those of animals, also the effect on vegetables. A teachers' meeting was held last Saturday after school was dismissed, and it was decided to keep the school open all summer, although the attendance, no doubt, will fall off during the extreme heat of mid-summer.

The ladies who have given their time and attention to this noble cause, do not feel as though their labor had been in vain on the contrary, they are very much encouraged by the results of the past few weeks.

A Wind in Season.

A little word has often wonderful power as this story shows. "Papa, do you know alcohol is poison?" said Mr. George Walton's little six years old boy, as they sat at tea one evening.

"Poison!" laughingly questioned the father, "where did you learn so much, my son?"

"At the temperance school, papa; yes, alcohol is poison, and I am never going to drink one drop of it, no, sir!"

Mr. Walton was a thriving young merchant; he had a pretty home, two fair young children and a lovely wife. There seemed to be all the essentials for happiness in his surroundings, but there was a cloud in George Walton's sky. It had been scarcely larger than a man's hand, but it was growing daily larger and this cloud threatened to shut out all the sunshine in the home and ruin the husband and father; alas, how sad!

This real and prospective danger was drink, the deadly drink, that shuts out the sunshine from so many, many homes.

George Walton was an intelligent man; he knew the fatal consequences of the continued use of alcohol, and did not need to learn it from a hisping child, but strange to say, that child's words impressed him more than all the temperance lectures he had ever heard, and seemed determined to stay by him.

He had for years been a moderate drinker, but the taste for the vile stuff was increasing till he was fast becoming a drunkard.

That evening he went out to take a glass with a friend, but when he raised the glass to his lips, there seemed from its depths to come the word "poison! poison!" and he fancied his little child's face was depicted there. He hesitated, set down the glass, and stood uneasily waiting for his friend to drink.

"What's the matter with you?" asked the companion, surprised at his manner.

"Oh, I don't know, I guess I am not well," he returned, trying to speak carelessly.

"Then drink your bits, it will help you; come man, no fooling here!" and the companion of George, who was risking all for drink, drained his glass, and waited for his friend.

"Pshaw! how foolish I am," thought George, and followed his friend's example without further delay.

After his strong glass of brandy he was brave enough for an hour or two, and laughed at his own folly; but upon the following morning memory brought the child's words back to him with greater force. He endeavored to eat his breakfast instead of taking his usual stimulant, but craved the rum which was becoming so necessary to him.

Taking a strong cup of coffee he started for the store. Upon the road he met the companion of the evening before, who led the way to their favorite bar and called for drink.

While the grog was being made ready George gazed upon his friend, and his thoughts ran as follows: "Yes, it is poison, slightly blotted face, eyes somewhat bloodshot, and other indications show that my truly kind friend is being slowly but surely poisoned; shall I help him to ruin himself?" and ere the glasses could be placed upon the counter George was walking briskly down the street.

Charles Kenny, the other young man, astonished at his friend's conduct rushed out to bring him back leaving the foaming glasses untouched.

George walked so rapidly that Charles did not reach him until just at his store door.

"What ails you? the bartender will be angry enough, come back quickly!" exclaimed the latter.

"Come into the store and I will tell you what ails me," replied George, impressively.

Charles followed him into his office and there George related the little child's words and told him how they had effected him.

"Poison," yes, said he, "both you and I are being poisoned, and the poison is reaching our very souls, yes, and it will destroy both soul and body unless we let it alone. Can we do it?"

"Nonsense!" cried the other, "don't be a fanatic!"

"Is one a fanatic who suddenly sees himself in danger of falling down a precipice and endeavors to turn away from the awful verge. You could at once say no; and I tell you the danger is greater here! Let us turn from it and forever leave the cup."

Because my impressions have suddenly come upon me they are no less real. I see the truth and though it will cost me a severe struggle I must and will stop the habit!"

George brought down his fist upon the table emphatically, and added, "I mean business, will you join me?"

"And not even drink those foaming glasses we have so abruptly left this morning?"

"Why should we drink them? Shall we take a little more poison ere we quit it? No, we will stop now. Give me your hand and let us pledge ourselves before God to let it alone."

The other, led by his friend, held out his hand and George solemnly said: "Oh, Lord, we, poor, helpless creatures stand before Thee asking for Thy help. If Thou wilt lend Thine aid we will promise to abstain from the poison that is ruining us both. Lord help us now." "Amen!" earnestly exclaimed the other influenced at length in the right direction.

The two men were in earnest now and resolutely fought the foe, and God be praised! they conquered.

Truly a little child had led them, and angels and good men rejoiced over their reclamation.

This story shows that it is well to teach the little ones these things, for their influence in the home is great.

A. D. W.

Thos. B. Baxter will sell at auction some lots on Orchard street near Montgomery street this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JAMES G. BLAINE, of Maine, was nominated on the fourth ballot at Chicago.

Lundborg's Perfume, Edenia. Lundborg's Perfume, Marchesa Niel Rose. Lundborg's Perfume, Alpine Violet. Lundborg's Perfume, Lily of the Valley.

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